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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX HOLLY DU LOCTON - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 - Mounted - EUR €
60,000**

- 1. NA BELLE KATIE** - Failed to confirm Argentan success when eliminated in a Class C over the main course here last week, and is clearly out of her league
- 2. NEPTUNE DES ARRIS** - 3rd in a Class D under these conditions in December, on first monte start. Sports hind pads for return to the code but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 3. NAYAMA BERRY** - Opened her monte account in a Class D over course and distance on 19 January. Sports 4 pads this time but at this level will struggle to repeat
- 4. NEO VANILLA** - Sprang something of a surprise when 3rd to NIKITA DES CHARMES (9) in a 2700m Class A here late last month, but still has too much to find
- 5. NATURALLY STAR** - Got back in the game on monte debut last week, running 2nd to a high-class filly in a 2700m Class C. Faces a much tougher challenge this time, but has earned the right to take her chances. First 5
- 6. NESPERA** - Makes first appearance under the saddle after having shown significant harness ability. Champion jockey aboard and, with her mind on the game, should prove competitive
- 7. NIZZA ROCCA** - Gave a fine performance to come 2nd to NIKITA DES CHARMES (9) in a 2700m Class B here 13 January. Will have learned a lot for the outing and, fitted with pads for the first time, must not be underestimated
- 8. NANIK DU PONT** - Has failed to deliver in either harness start this year, despite possessing considerable talent. Will be partnered by Alexandre Abrivard for monte debut and, if ability transitions, can finish close
- 9. NIKITA DES CHARMES** - Has excelled in her new vocation, winning 3 of 4 ridden starts. Has nothing to prove under these conditions and again looks the one to beat
- 10. NAYARA** - Debuts under the saddle after having shown significant harness ability and under Anthony Barrier looks a serious proposition

Summary: Winner of 3 in a row, including over course and distance, NIKITA DES CHARMES (9) met no opposition here late last month and the 4-timer looks to be hers for the taking. Francois Lagadeuc will still be wary of shod monte debutante, NAYARA (10), who ran 2nd in a Gr.2 here in early-January, and who has a particular liking for these conditions. Confirmed over both courses, and sporting pads for the first time, NIZZA ROCCA (7) chased Lagadeuc home a month ago, on his monte bow, and will be no shrinking violet. NESPERA (6) has won 3 of her 5 harness races and debuts under the saddle reconfigured and with Mathieu Mottier in the irons.

SELECTIONS

NIKITA DES CHARMES (9) - NAYARA (10) - NIZZA ROCCA (7) - NESPERA (6)

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**C2 - PRIX DE CAUSSADE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
35,000**

- 1. MOVING QUICK** - Eliminated in last 5, most recently at Maure-de-Bretagne last Sunday. Showed his form though, has been reconfigured, and with application can start to produce the goods for his new handler
- 2. MALICIEUX A JOJO** - Honest sort that showed improvement at Angers mid-January, coming 3rd in a Class E. Will be similarly configured and should be good enough to pick up some prizemoney
- 3. MARBRE D'ERABLE** - Complicated colt with shed-loads of potential. Showed here mid-January that he is clearly in shape and can make a big splash if David Thomain manages to keep him focused
- 4. MEKONG** - Respectable sort starting for first time since September. Has no references under these conditions and is unlikely to set the cat among the pigeons
- 5. MADE IN CASTELETS** - Still a maiden after 11 runs. Is competitively-shod for first start since October but will have nothing to offer
- 6. MAN ON THE MOON** - Comfortably won a Class F at Maure-de-Bretagne early this month. Faces a tougher test this time but is clearly progressive and the new formula may be just the ticket
- 7. MIMO DU MESNIL** - Unexceptional colt that has failed to deliver in either code for some time. Has been reconfigured for the occasion but still not an obvious choice
- 8. MON CARAT** - Has merit but eliminated in 4 of last 5. Makes first appearance since late-November and is not about to influence the outcome
- 9. MAESTRO D'AVEL** - Well-engaged sort that left a good impression under these conditions last time out. Will have been specifically prepared for this and has every chance of making his barefoot debut a winning one
- 10. MATRIX SAUTREUIL** - Out of the picture in all 3 starts here this winter. Enjoys a decent entry but is still out of his depth
- 11. MISTER LA NUIT** - Missed out by the smallest of margins at Mauquenchy 3.5 weeks ago when first-time barefoot. Trainer could not have hoped for a better entry and, with Alexandre Abrivard reining, can oblige

Summary: Put away after impressing more than once in the provinces last summer, MAESTRO D'AVEL (9) gave a most encouraging account on his December re-entry. He comes here fresh, races first-time barefoot, and can bring home the bacon. Benjamin Rochard will still be mindful of the terrifically-engaged MISTER LA NUIT (11) who makes his Vincennes debut with Alexandre Abrivard in the bike and a good hand to play. MAN ON THE MOON (6) made up at Maure-de-Bretagne for his Angers elimination and will be competitively-shod, with Alexis Collette reining. MARBRE D'ERABLE (3) was still going strong when eliminated over the main track a month ago and will race shod for his return to a more even surface.

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MAESTRO D'AVEL (9) - MISTER LA NUIT (11) - MAN ON THE MOON (6) - MARBRE

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**C3 - PRIX EDOUARD MARCILLAC - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 - Mounted - EUR
€ 60,000**

- 1. NAUTILIO BELLO** - Distant 3rd to NICKEL DE BAILLE (9) in a 2700m Class B here 3 weeks ago and would have better chances at a lower level
- 2. NAMARETTI DEVOL** - Takes first competitive ridden steps, and has been reconfigured for the first time, but debuts in the code with limited ambition
- 3. NEEL AR MOR** - Tricky element making monte debut with pads fitted for the first time, but appears to be out of his depth
- 4. NOSTRA VERO** - Routed the opposition on Vincennes debut 2 weeks ago, easily securing a 2700m Class C, and looks main threat to NICKEL DE BAILLE (9)
- 5. NEW MONEY** - Has done nothing but improve here this winter, most recently running 2nd in a Class C under harness. Is reconfigured for ridden debut, with Benjamin Rochard aboard, and will have his chances of making first 5
- 6. NEWTON ELLIS** - Easy winner over course and distance on ridden bow on Boxing Day. Lost his action next time but has been fitted with front pads and Alexandre Abrivard will be eager to put things right
- 7. NINJA DE L'ENVOL** - Debuts in the discipline after running 4th in a 2175m harness Gr.3 here early this month. Guillaume Martin knows him well and can be justifiably confident of a competitive performance
- 8. NEWTON DES ANDIERS** - Serious colt that demonstrated considerable aptitude for the game, most recently putting in a fine effort behind NICKEL DE BAILLE (9) here, and will be expected to occupy one of the 3 steps on the podium
- 9. NICKEL DE BAILLE** - Relatively facile winner of both monte starts to date. Has progressed for every run and enjoys a realistic chance of picking up his first black-type
- 10. NEW SUCCESS** - 4th in a 2700m Class A on monte debut here a fortnight ago. Has considerable ground to make up though and is unlikely to spring any surprises

Summary: Undefeated in 2 starts under the saddle, NICKEL DE BAILLE (9) was thoroughly professional on both occasions and appears to be on course for the hat-trick. Runner-up to him both times, NEWTON DES ANDIERS (8) should again figure prominently, but may first have to see off NOSTRA VERO (4) who outclassed the opposition here 2 weeks ago. On paper, NINJA DE L'ENVOL (7) may not be an obvious choice but his recent Gr.3 harness performance will have encouraged regular partner Guillaume Martin.

SELECTIONS

NICKEL DE BAILLE (9) - NOSTRA VERO (4) - NEWTON DES ANDIERS (8) - NINJA DE L'ENVOL (7)

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**C4 - PRIX DE CAHORS - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C - Harness - EUR €
46,000**

- 1. LAVALLOISE GIRL** - Has shown a different side since switching disciplines. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
- 2. LIBERTA MESLOISE** - Particularly disappointing in last 3 starts, most recently eliminated in a 2100m Class C here last week, and others preferred
- 3. LEDA MESLOISE** - Has been completely off the boil since winning here in December 2024 and can expect to have few friends
- 4. LIQUIDATEUR** - Never far from faulting but is by no means bereft of ability. Is shod to preference after his recent prep run here and with Alexandre Abrivard in the bike will be afforded every chance. First 5
- 5. LETTRE D'AMOUR** - Put away in the autumn after some shocking runs. Has not been seen since and will have few takers
- 6. L'ATOLL** - Serious sort that seldom lets the side down when barefoot and just missed out to LOQUIDY (8) in a Class D over course and distance on 22 January. Is clearly close to his race and is unlikely to disappoint
- 7. LARIANO** - Has raced little but has bags of ability. Will have progressed for last month's run, if sufficiently fit, can win for the first time since October 2024
- 8. LOQUIDY** - Exceptional servant with an enviable win-rate. Headed L'ATOLL (6) to win a Class D over course and distance on 22 January, and a repeat performance would be no surprise
- 9. LOOKING D'AURCY** - Serious trotter but is taking a time-out from his preferred discipline. Runs barefoot but will have other priorities
- 10. LAMIE DU MESNIL** - Won a Class D over 2100m here a month ago before coming 3rd in a Class C under the same conditions last week. Takes on the boys this time but is a tough mare and will not be far off the mark
- 11. LOVEBIRD** - Was not disgraced on comeback when 5th of 6 behind LAMONT DU DOUET (13) in a 2100m Class C here early this month. Is competitively-shod this time and is not one to be overlooked
- 12. LUMINOUS STAR** - Enjoys a fine entry here but has not been at his sharpest over recent months and others easier to trust
- 13. LAMONT DU DOUET** - Valiant 2nd in a 2100m Class C on re-entry here early this month and will not be far from the action in Mathieu Mottier keeps him trotting

Summary: Given an easy re-entry run here in mid-January, LARIANO (7) will have come on for the race and, with Matthieu Abrivard in the bike, clearly means business. While plainly capable of winning this, he will nevertheless be opposed by LOQUIDY (8) who moves up in category after winning twice here last month, and L'ATOLL (6) who just missed out to him here 3 weeks ago. The delicate LAMONT DU DOUET (13) acquitted himself particularly well on his own comeback run just 10 days ago and the Mathieu Mottier-factor cannot be ignored.

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| LARIANO (7) - LOQUIDY (8) - L'ATOLL (6) - LAMONT DU DOUET (13) |
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**C5 - PRIX PAUL BASTARD - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 - Mounted - EUR €
120,000**

- 1. LAMBADA DU GOUTIER** - Has been acquitted herself respectably in a lesser category and will struggle to make her mark this time
- 2. LYZIA DES AGETS** - Picked up 4th in Gr.1 Prix Jag de Bellouet, then repeated in Gr.2. Prix Camille Blaisot late last month. Was unsupported on both occasions and is worth watching
- 3. LARA DU LERRE** - Not as sharp this winter as she was last spring. Has been reconfigured for the occasion though and, if applied, could finish in the mix
- 4. LAKANA DE FELLIERE** - Starts for the first time since running 3rd to LIONHEART (9) in a Gr.2 here in late-November. Is unlikely to get her nose in front but can nevertheless contest a place on the podium
- 5. LOVISSIME** - Achieved first goal of the winter, winning a 2175m Class A here early this month, at 32-1. Takes on a better lot this time and would be preferred barefoot
- 6. L'ECRIN D'OR** - Won Gr.1 Prix Jag de Bellouet over course and distance in December before finishing last in Gr.1 Prix Bold Eagle 3 weeks ago. Is no slouch when shod and should have a reasonable chance of finishing in the picture
- 7. LONDON** - Kicked the year off with a Gr.3 romp before coming 3rd to LIONHEART (9) in 2175m Gr.2 Prix Camille Blaisot here on 25 January. Is better than the result would suggest and will be no soft touch
- 8. LEXIE DE BANVILLE** - A Gr.1 winner last winter but has been a shadow of her former self and is unlikely to shake things up
- 9. LIONHEART** - Remarkable servant that has not put a foot wrong this winter. Made short work of 2175m Gr.2 Prix Camille Blaisot here on 25 January and will be well-backed to repeat

Summary: Winner of 3 Gr.2s in this configuration here this winter, LIONHEART (9) made up for being beaten in the Gr.1 Prix Jag de Bellouet by winning the Gr.2 Prix Camille Blaisot in style here late last month. It was L'ECRIN D'OR (6) who had his measure in December and, even racing shod, is still a serious danger. He will, however, first have to defer to Mathieu Mottier's fine LONDON (7) who has shown significant monte potential. A top-tier mare making her first appearance since late-November, LAKANA DE FELLIERE (4) will be barefoot for her re-entry and can get straight back in the game.

SELECTIONS

LIONHEART (9) - LONDON (7) - L'ECRIN D'OR (6) - LAKANA DE FELLIERE (4)

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**C6 - PRIX DE BOIS LE ROI - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
46,000**

- KELLISIA GIRL** - Given time to recalibrate after 2 modest efforts in November. Is shod for return to the track and is unlikely to spice things up
- KEROSEN DU GERS** - Showed marked improvement early last month when runner-up to KILLER BOND (9) under these conditions. Has ground to make up but may just have found his mark, and can play an active role
- KART HAUFOR** - Simply dynamic this term, winning 3 of 4, including twice over course and distance, and climbs the category-ladder with every chance of a repeat result
- KARMA TEJY** - Useful sort in this category but starts for first time since mid-November and will be fitted with shoes. Disregard
- KILIMANDJARO PLAYA** - Tenacious winner of a 2825m Cordemais Class F a month ago. Is barefoot for the occasion, and tends to go well at Vincennes, but is being aimed too high
- KEITHOS DU RHIN** - Got back in the game at Mauquenchy on 21 January when 2nd in a 2150m Class F, although a repeat seems most improbable
- KOUROUX** - Faces first objective of 2026 after having been conditioned at Mauquenchy on 21 January. Shoes off but still has nothing to contribute
- KHAMSA** - Raced better in a 2850m Class C here 2 weeks ago than the result would suggest. Is in her category this time and can compete for a place in the frame
- KILLER BOND** - Has not put a foot wrong this winter, latterly making short work of a Class D over track and trip on 6 January. Has yet to show his limits and is in with a realistic shout of confirming
- KAZAN BEACH** - Honest element with decent Vincennes form but has not raced for almost 2 months and is not a priority
- KRUNCHY** - Has hardly put a foot out of line since starting to race in the day's configuration. Was beaten only by a very good horse in a 2850m Class C here a fortnight ago and must be taken more seriously this time
- KINGSTON DE BLARY** - Won here in late-November but has failed to make any impact since and even though sporting modified shoeing is still not easy to recommend
- KOPA D'ARC** - Quality element with decent Vincennes credentials. Has just the one race in him since the break though and would be preferred with 4 pads fitted
- KISS WOOD** - It took 14 months but got back in the winners' circle at Angers 3.5 weeks ago when securing a 3125m Class F. Beat KHAMSA (8) that day and cannot be ruled out
- KANCALAIS** - Drops marginally in category after coming 5th in a Class C under these conditions on 19 December. Is plainly in race-mode and will not be available at 29-1 this time. Place chance
- KOQUERY DU BUISSON** - Returns barefoot to Paris after a pair of mediocre efforts at Mauquenchy last month. Has form at this level though, is already a winner over course and distance, and should not be underestimated

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Summary: Enjoying something of a renaissance since returning to racing barefoot, KILLER BOND (9) demolished a good field here in early-January and looks thoroughly capable of repeating. Similarly revitalised, KART HAUFOR (3) has been climbing the category ladder in very good order and the nature of his latest victory augurs well for his prospects of confirming. You don't see it in the results but KHAMSA (8) put in a fine finish here late last month and Alexandre Abrivard will be out to make amends. KANCALAIS (15) has been knocking at the door this winter and returns from a short spell with a good hand to play.

SELECTIONS

KILLER BOND (9) - KART HAUFOR (3) - KHAMSA (8) - KANCALAIS (15)

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**C7 - PRIX DE RAULHAC - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
40,000**

- 1. MILADY DE MONTCEAU** - Unremarkable filly that has yet to deliver at this level and is not about to start now
- 2. MANDARINA DE LOU** - As tricky as they come but has buckets of ability. Gets to race barefoot for the first time and, with application, can duly deliver. Claim
- 3. MIA DE SIMM** - Out of sorts in both of January's starts but is patently better than that. Benefits from a good draw, is more competitively-shod this time, and can get in on the action
- 4. METSUYANE ERA** - Held her own to run 3rd of 12 in a Class E over course and distance on 20 December. Is arguably as good as stable companion METSUYANE ERA (4) and can fight out the finish
- 5. MOOVIESTAR SOMOLLI** - Ran 3rd at Cabourg before coming 2nd in a 2700m Class E next time. Will need to find more but should nevertheless give an honourable account
- 6. MAKINA DANICA** - Back under harness after faulting in the other code here 2.5 weeks ago. Races barefoot again but still not a concern
- 7. MAGIC MAGGIE** - Has taken her game to a new level recently, latterly an uneasy 3rd in a 2700m Class E here last week. Is plainly on the way up and has a decent chance of making the frame once again
- 8. MUSICA JULMA** - Capable filly but has not been seen out since late-November. Has no main-track references and best to hold off
- 9. MILADY OF PARIS** - Failed to confirm December performance after being eliminated, when full of running, in a Class E under these conditions on New Year's Day. Is forced to break wide on the front line though and others easier to support
- 10. MONEY DU CHATELET** - Convincing winner of an Angers Class E on 15 January. Benjamin Rochard would have preferred a better draw but looks a player nevertheless
- 11. MINNEAPOLIS** - Is not without merit but has yet to show much liking for Vincennes. Goes barefoot, with Mathieu Mottier reining, but still no more than a minor place chance
- 12. MILADY DE LA PIECE** - Imposed at Cordemais in November, then ran 2nd over 2200m here the following month. Comes here fresh and will not be far from the action if she takes to the main-track profile

Summary: One of the more complicated fillies here, MANDARINA DE LOU (2) has been given time to get her house in order after faulting here on Christmas Eve. She has no shortage of talent though and, barefoot for the first time, can finally open her metropolitan account. Stablemate METSUYANE ERA (4) had run 3rd under these conditions a few days earlier and will also race without shoes for the first time. MAGIC MAGGIE (7) has twice gone close lately and could have been handed a worse draw. MONEY DU CHATELET (10) got the year off to a victorious start at Angers and makes her Vincennes bow with considerable promise.

SELECTIONS

MANDARINA DE LOU (2) - METSUYANE ERA (4) - MAGIC MAGGIE (7) - MONEY DU

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C8 - GD PX DU VENDREDI 13 (PX CHATEAURENARD) - 2700m (a1m1/2) -
Class B - Harness - EUR € 75,000

- 1. CHITCHAT** - Won over 2700m on Christmas Eve prior to repeating 3 weeks later over 2100m. Takes on a better bunch this time but in present shape is easy to recommend for a first-5 cheque
- 2. HALO AM** - Quality trotter with solid Vincennes references, but is still in conditioning-mode and others easier to back
- 3. COMBAT FIGHTER** - Serious nordic trotter that has taken well to Vincennes conditions. In less-exalted company on this occasion and has a realistic chance of contesting the finish
- 4. IMPERIAL DURABUTIN** - Has not been seen out since winning a Class C at Le Croise-Laroche on 24 November. Is fitted with pads for comeback and can be passed over
- 5. INSHOT JOSSELYN** - Respectable individual making first appearance since last summer and will not be given a hard race
- 6. INFERO PIPER** - Made up for some poor luck at Cagnes when comfortably winning a 2850m Class B here a fortnight ago. A Gr.2 winner over 2700m here earlier in his career and in current condition is hard to fault. Chance
- 7. JASON GINYU** - Produced a fine performance on re-entry on 17 January. Will have progressed for the race and, if still on the boil, can run away with this
- 8. CANTO DEI VENTI** - Won a Bordeaux Class D before coming 5th in a Class C at the same venue on 26 January. Always gives what he can but would be preferred a level down
- 9. GAZ D'OCCAGNES** - Produced a 59-1 surprise when 4th in a Bordeaux Class C on 26 January, however a repeat seems most unlikely
- 10. COLBERT WF** - Complicated element that ran 5th of 15 in a Cagnes Gr.3 in early-January before faulting early at a similar level later that month. Has form under these conditions and will be no pushover if Alexis Collette assures his charge's initial strides
- 11. GALANT DE CAREL** - Held his own to come 5th in a Cagnes Gr.3 2.5 weeks ago but is shod less-competitively this time and is not about to create an upset
- 12. HABIT DE SOIREE** - Disappointing on the whole over recent weeks. Has nothing to prove at this level but, judging by recent numbers, will have nothing to contribute
- 13. HOCHE** - Has turned a corner this winter, most recently winning a 2100m Class B here, from pillar to post, on 11 January. Has been reconfigured and must be considered a contender
- 14. HAMONET DE CHOISEL** - Has failed to make much impact since imposing over 2100m here in late-November. Returns barefoot after being conditioned in Bordeaux and cannot be discounted
- 15. HOLD UP DU SAPTEL** - Put in a good effort to come 5th to HOCHE (13) in a 2100m Class B here on 11 January. Is nicely-engaged, with his trainer back in the bike, and should give another competitive account
- 16. GORDON MIJACK** - Respectable for the most part but has looked very ordinary so far this term and must first re-establish his credentials

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Summary: Excellent 3rd in a Class C under these conditions on his return from a spell last month, JASON GINYU (7) seldom lets the side down under these conditions, has just one other 7yo to contend with this time, and with form maintained, can wrap this up. COMBAT FIGHTER (3) twice held his own at Gr.3 level last month and drops down the category-ladder with a realistic chance of contesting the finish this time. INFERNO PIPER (6) opened his annual account a fortnight ago and has earned the right to compete in this grade of race. HOCHE (13) had the measure of many here just over a month ago and has won 2 of 3 in the day's configuration. The talented COLBERT WF (10) has good speed and is unlikely to disappoint if he gets off on the right foot.

SELECTIONS

JASON GINYU (7) - COMBAT FIGHTER (3) - INFERNO PIPER (6) - HOCHE (13)